(c) whether Government have received represeatations from dependents of deceased employees of DCPW for appointment on compassionate grounds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the appointments are to be given to the said widows?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Compassionate appointment can be made only up to 5% of direct recruitment vacancies. No compassionate appointment can be made if there is no vacancy. After 1998, no direct recruitment vacancy has been filled-up in DCPW. Appointment to the dependants of the deceased em ployees can be offered as per the roster maintained in the DCPW. Representations have been received by the Government for such appointments and directions have been issued to Director, DCPW to provide appointment to the dependents as per the extant rules, after the clearance is received for filling up the direct recruitment vacancies.

**Exodus of Israelis into India**

† 3067. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards exodus of Israeli citizens to India and to settle down in the hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh in quest of peace; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto and the number of Israeli citizens living temporarily in India as per Government's figures and what is their visa period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) All foreigners visiting India on long term visa (more than 180 days) are required to get themselves registered with the concerned Foreigners' Registration Officer (FRO) having jurisdiction in the place where the foreigner intends to stay, within 14 days of their arrival. As per available information, the number of Israeli

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

citizens registered in Himachal Pradesh (H.P.) and in India during the last three years is as under:—

*Number of Israeli citizens registered as on 31st December of the year*

| Year | in HP | in India |
|---|---|---|
| 2002 | 07 | 493 |
| 2003 | 31 | 704 |
| 2004 | 13 | 482 |

The above figures do not show any increasing trend in long term visa holders with Israeli citizenship in HP. or in the country.

**Crops damaged by floods**

3068. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of the crops damaged by floods in the different States of the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the details of relief amount granted to the farmers by the Government in the affected States during this period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The details of cropped area damaged due to floods/flash floods, as reported by the State Governments during the last three years, are at Statement-I *(See* below)

As per the existing scheme of financing Relief Expenditure, the State Governments concerned are responsible for undertaking relief and rehabilitaiton measures in the areas affected by natural calamities, including floods, out of the corpus of the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), which is contributed by the Government of India and the State Government in the ratio of 3:1. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial and logistic support, wherever necessary. In case the calamity is of a severe nature and the funds available in the State's CRF account are not sufficient to deal with the instant calamity, additional assistance is provided to the States out of the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), after following the laid down procedure. The distribution of relief on the ground at various places affected by natural calamities including floods is the responsibility of the concerned State Government.